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SUBJECT: MORE OPTIMISM ON FARAKKA

REF: DACCA 6242

1. SUMMARY. DURING FAREWELL CALLS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TODAY, DCM WAS TOLD BY SENIOR OFFICIALS THAT PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BDG AND GOI ON FARAKKA WHEN TALKS RECONVENE IN DACCA, PROBABLY IN SEVERAL WEEKS. END SUMMARY.

2. TOUCHING LIGHTLY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF BDG'S COMPROMISE, FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN SAID BDG HAS COME AROUND TO AGREEING TO TAKE LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS MINIMUM OF 44,000 CUSECS DURING THE LEANEST MONTH OR SO (AROUND APRIL) OF THE LONGER SO-CALLED LEAN SEASON. DURING THE REST OF THE PERIOD THEY WOULD HOPE TO GET A BIGGER SHARE. (FYI HE INDICATED BDG EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PASS DETAILS TO DEPARTMENT.)

3. ASIDE FROM DESIRABILITY OF SETTLEMENT FOR ITS OWN SAKE, FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN SAID PROGRESS IN THIS  
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WEEK'S MEETINGS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO CHANGING FORMAT

OF MEETINGS. HE SAID MOST DISCUSSIONS LIMITED TO DELEGATION HEADS (KHAN AND JAGJIVAN RAM) WITH OCCASIONALLY ONE ADVISOR. HE SAID THE QUOTE DIFFICULT UNQUOTE TECHNICIANS WERE LARGELY KEPT OUT OF THE NEGOTIATING MEETINGS. TABARAK SAID HE PLAYED A LARGER ROLE THAN EVER BEFORE, AND HIS OWN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA WERE CHARACTERIZED BY A COMMON APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EARLY AGREEMENT ON A LEAN-SEASON SETTLEMENT. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE DISCUSSION OF TERM TEAM SOLUTIONS, E.G., LINK CANAL, RESERVOIRS, ETC., EXCEPT AGREEMENT THAT THESE DESERVED SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION.

4. FOREIGN SECRETARY ALSO SAID THEY EMPHASIZED TO INDIANS THAT LOCAL POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS CALLED FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS (PRESUMABLY A WRAP-UP MEETING) IN DACCA RATHER THAN IN NEW DELHI. HERE AGAIN HE INDICATED MEHTA WAS HELPFUL.

5. COMMENT: FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT, WITH US AT LEAST, WITH A COMPARABLE AIR OF OPTIMISM. THIS SEEMS ALSO TO HAVE ECHOED KHAN'S MOST POSITIVE PUBLIC REMARKS AT AIRPORT YESTERDAY (REFTEL).  
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